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as a percentage of their total agricultural exports, are as given below:-

SL N o.	Country/ Group of countries	Marketing/ Fiscal Year	Domestic Support as a percentage of value of total agricultural production	Export subsidy as a percentage of total agricultural exports
1.	European Union	1997-98	48.03%	8.6%
2.	Japan Canada	1998	39.15%	0 0
3.	USA	1997	10.60%	0.179%
4.		1997	28.59%	

The provisional estimates for the year 1997-98 indicate that the total domestic support provided by India to the agriculture sector would turn out to be a negative figure if the negative figures of the product specific support are adjusted against the non product specific support and other exempted categories of support extended by India.

Growth in demand of petro goods

*360. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is emerging as a major centre for petroleum industry with a six to seven per cent growth in the demand of petro goods as compared to the two per cent growth rate world-wide; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The consumption of petroleum products in the country during last three years has shown growth which is as below:-

Period	Consumption of Petroleum Products (MMT)	& Growth
1997-98	843	6.5
1998-99	90.6	7.4
1999-2000	97.1	12

As per the information available, the consumption of petroleum products in the world during 1997 to 2000 is given below:

Period	Consumption of Petroleum Products (MMT)	% Growth
1997	3389.8	2.2
1998	3406.6	0.5
1999	3462.4	1.6

The domestic refining capacity has increased from 65.5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) to 112.54 million metric tonnes per annum during the period 01.04.1999 to 31.12.2000. Consequently, country has achieved near self-sufficiency in refining and now value addition is taking place in the country. India is, thus, a major player in the global petroleum scene.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Free/Concessional travel allowed to AI and IA Staff

2549. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of the Indian Airlines and Air India as regards free and concessional travels allowed to the staff and their families;

(b) what is the policy of giving free and concessional travels allowed to retired staff and their families;

(c) how much these concessions cost the Indian Airlines and Air India; and

(d) whether it is a fact that self-supporting and major sons and daughters are also allowed free/concessional travels?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The policy of providing free and concessional travel allowed on Air India and Indian Airlines to staff and their families as well as to the retired staff and their families are given in the Statement (See below).